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1. OFFICIAL AT FEDERAL MINISTRY OF METALLURGY AND HEAVY ENGINEERING WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSESSING AND APPROVING PURCHASES OF ALL MINING EQUIPMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA EXPRESSED VIEW THAT THERE WOULD BE GOOD INTEREST IN PRODUCTS OF RFL INDUSTRIES AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE FIRM INCLUDED IN TRADE MISSION. GIVEN FACT THAT ENERGY CRISIS HAS THROWN CZECHOSLOVAKIA BACK ON DOMESTIC RESERVES OF COAL TO MEET FUTURE GROWTH IN FUEL NEEDS, THERE SHOULD BE MARKET POTENTIAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING INSTRUMENTS IN BOTH NEW AND EXISTING COAL MINES. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, HOWEVER, MOST BROWN COAL IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS MINED BY OPEN PIT OR STRIP METHODS, AND THIS FACT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT TO RFL INDUSTRIES BEFORE THEY MAKE FINAL COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN MISSION. POSSIBILITIES EXIST, OF COURSE, FOR INSTALLATION OF METERING EQUIPMENT IN MINES FOR BLACK COAL AND METAL AND CHEMICAL ORES.

2. BASED ON REFTTEL AND INFORMATION DEVELOPED ON FIRM FROM THOMAS REGISTER AND DUN AND BRADSTREET, EMBASSY IS PLEASED TO ENDORSE RFL INDUSTRIES AS MISSION MEMBER.

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